Old age homes in Punjab

1050. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Punjab where Homes for the aged persons have been constructed so far, with the capacity at each place;

(b) the places identified for providing such 'Homes' during the remaining period of the Eleventh Five Year Plan with capacity at each place; and

(c) the percentage of the needy aged persons in the State that would be left uncovered after the completion of all the Homes by the end of the Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has sanctioned grant in aid to four non-governmental organisations under its Non Plan scheme for construction of old age homes at Jullundar, Bhatinda, Patiala and Faridkot with a capacity of 25 older persons in each.

(b) Since the scheme is demand-driven and subject to completion of certain formalities, the places/capacity cannot be specified.

(c) No baseline data is available.

Modification in post-graduate scholarship scheme

1051. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to modify the post-graduate scholarship scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the beneficiaries under this scheme during the last five academic years; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the proposed modifications would keep good number of otherwise eligible students out of the beneficiaries list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) There is no scheme namely 'post-graduate scholarship scheme' being dealt in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Reservation for physically challenged persons in services

1052. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation for physically challenged persons is strictly complied with in the Central and the State sectors in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details of action taken to ensure its compliance; and

(c) the details of recruitment in services in that region during the last three years; State-wise?